

Some Census Figures.

The population of Missouri by town and village has been issued by the census department and the official figures have just reached us:

	1880.	1890.	Gain.
Maryville.....	4,057	5,771	1,714
Tarkio.....	1,156	1,901	745
Savannah.....	1,288	1,886	598
Mound City.....	1,183	1,981	798
Rock Port.....	924	1,880	956
Oregon.....	948	1,032	84
Weston.....	1,124	1,019	105

It is interesting to look back into the census figures of the past two or three decades, and make comparisons. Maryville in 1890 had but 3,455, and was then and still is the leading city in the congressional district, outside of St. Joseph. Tarkio had 1,715 and still holds second place. Weston had 1,329 and occupied third place, while Savannah had 1,208. Since 1890 Weston's place, third on the list, has been taken by Savannah, and Weston has dropped to the foot of the class, and occupies seventh place.

In 1880 Mound City occupied seventh place with a population of 678, and 1900 she takes fourth place with a population of 1,981, increasing her population 150 per cent in the past 20 years.

Rock Port was the sixth city in the district in 1880, while today she is the fifth, gaining but one point; in 1880 her population was 715.

In 1880 Oregon had a population of 802 and was the fifth city while today she is the sixth, losing one point.

It is interesting indeed to note the changes that have taken place in our country during the past 30 years. In 1870 the now largest city in our country had no place in the census enumeration, while where now Maitland exists a corn field of many acres was in cultivation. Oregon in 1870 was the largest city in the county, while today Mound City is far in the lead. Maitland was not known until after the census of 1880 had been taken while today she is the third city in our county. In 1870 there were but six townships in the county. These were Benton, Clay, Dallas, Lewis, Nodaway and Union; now there are 12. Dallas included all of Bigelow, Lincoln and parts of now Liberty and Union. Nodaway included parts of Hickory, Forbes and Lewis, and Lewis took in parts of Forbes and Forest.

Forest township was created in 1871. Hickory..... 1,871
Forbes..... 1,871
Bigelow..... 1,871
Liberty..... 1,871
Lincoln..... 1,871
Minton..... 1,871
Nodaway..... 1,871
Lewis..... 1,871
Union..... 1,871
Clay..... 1,871
Benton..... 1,871

We give our readers a complete table of the population of our county by cities and townships, and in order to ascertain the population of the township outside of the city it will be necessary to deduct the city population, as the census returns in giving township population include the towns:

	1870.	1880.	1890.	1900.
Benton.....	2,226	2,025	2,337	2,980
Mound City.....	678	1,183	1,981	
Clay.....	867	1,359	1,561	1,810
Maitland.....	4,061	4,067	3,733	2,138
Lewis.....	824	862	948	1,032
Forest.....	676	421	428	632
Bigelow.....	1,285	1,450	1,821	
Forbes.....	1,000	1,006	1,243	
Hickory.....	988	985	953	
Liberty.....	1,065	1,196	1,094	
Lincoln.....	761	618	782	
Minton.....	2,055	732	702	788
Nodaway.....	1,118	2,028	1,961	2,082
Union.....	541	503	775	
Dallas.....	1,285			

Totals..... 13,151 15,509 15,480 17,087

The county gained 1,614 in the past 10 years, and but 1,581 in twenty years, and 4,932 in the past 30 years. The cities of the county show an increase of 1,564 over that of 1880 and 2,618 over that of 1870. We think these statistics show conclusively that the tendency has been on the part of our rural population to go to the cities of the county, and especially in this case with the older set of our farmers.

In 1880 Mound City was in first place in population; Oregon second; Craig third; Maitland fourth and Forest City fifth. These all retain these positions excepting Maitland which goes to third place and Craig to fourth position.

In this connection it might be well for us to give our readers a statement as to the assessable wealth of our county from 1870 to 1900:

	Personal.	Real.	Total.
1870.....	\$1,247,205	\$2,789,410	\$4,036,615
1880.....	1,546,620	2,571,332	4,117,952
1890.....	1,220,141	3,106,020	4,326,161
1900.....	2,025,080	4,201,385	6,226,465

In the development of the cities of our county our readers will find some interesting statistics. We give the assessed value of the town lots from 1883, 1893 and 1900, choosing these dates because of the fact that it was the real beginning of assessing this class of property in Maitland.

	1883.	1893.	1900.
Mound City.....	\$80,455	\$108,435	\$129,145
Oregon.....	1,027,975	1,282,225	1,627,040
Maitland.....	29,655	64,000	98,805
Craig.....	43,180	48,850	89,825
Forest City.....	45,945	49,780	64,170

It will be seen from the above table that Maitland has gone from fifth place in 1883 to the third place in 1900. That Oregon has fallen back from first to second place. That Forest has dropped from third place in 1883 to fifth place in 1900.

Our State Solons.

The legislature has completed its fourth week and has sent to the governor just one bill for his signature. It is senate bill No. 24, which creates county quarantine boards to assist the state board of health in preventing the spread of contagious disease. The text follows:

For the purpose of further carrying out the provisions of this chapter there is hereby created a county board of health, to be composed of the judges of the county court of each county, and a reputable physician to be appointed by them. Said county board of health shall have the same powers and authority as are given to the state board of health by sections 7221, 7222 and 7223 of this chapter within their respective counties outside of incorporated cities and towns respecting quarantine regulations and the prevention and spread of malignant, contagious and infectious diseases therein; and said board may pay reasonable expenses incurred thereby out of the county treasury; provided, however, that said county board of health shall have no power to raise a

quarantine established by the state board of health.

The much discussed state school fund was given an airing in the house. These facts were discussed by Democratic testimony:

That the school fund is a debt. That the Democratic majority does not know whether the school and seminary certificates of indebtedness are to be considered as state bonds.

That the dominant party in the house was not disposed to show how these certificates of indebtedness are to be liquidated, principal and interest, when the next two years, and the tax levy for the interest and sinking funds is discontinued by constitutional provision.

That Mr. Hackey, the Democratic member who undertook to defend the integrity of the Missouri Democracy and the good name of the state, admitted he knew of no statutory provision for the creation of a school fund or the payment of the interest and principal of the admitted indebtedness to the school fund.

That the majority party not only could not define the status of school certificates of indebtedness under the existing statutory and constitutional provisions, but positively refused to take any position of a definite character, seeking shelter behind a committee—the old way of dodging an issue.

That neither the last Democratic state platform deliberately misstated the facts when it declared that the state debt amounted then only to \$2,637,000, or the present Democratic majority falsified when it included over \$4,300,000 of certificates of indebtedness in the appropriation bill a few days ago and admitted these certificates were part of the state's bonded debt.

Senator Bradley introduced a bill prohibiting the county court from issuing dramshop licenses when the petition is not signed by a majority of the taxpayers in the block where the saloon is to be located.

Senator Orchard introduced a bill providing that when one dramshop petition has been filed no other petition shall be required unless a remonstrance is filed against the dramshop. It is a continuous license bill.

Senator Drabell introduced a bill allowing the governor to parole prisoners who have been convicted of certain offenses.

A department store bill has reached the senate. It was introduced by Senator Farris and applies to cities of 20,000 inhabitants and over. The bill divides goods in seventy-six classes and groups of from one to ten classes. A license of \$5,000 shall be paid by a merchant selling more than one class of goods. The penalty is a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

Nelson of Cooper introduced a bill requiring applicants for licenses to publish notices in a weekly newspaper thirty days before the county court meets at which they shall apply for licenses to sell whiskey.

The house passed the bill repealing the law making the husband liable for his wife's debts.

The clerical force scandal is likely to come up before the house at any moment. The introduction of a resolution to investigate the charges which young Organ has made against Chief Clerk Tall that he attempted to bribe him to get his father, Representative Organ, who is chairman of the clerical force committee, to agree to increase the force of the house, that certain favorites, "straw men," may draw pay from the state.

Representative Hawkins introduced a bill increasing the salary of supreme judges from \$4,500 to \$5,500.

Representative Conkling introduced a bill combining the offices of marshal and collector in cities of the fourth class.

Senator Orchard has introduced a bill creating the office of circuit attorney. He contends that the present system of appointing attorneys, many incompetent attorneys are selected to prosecute for the state. He wants a circuit attorney for each circuit, who will be one of the ablest lawyers in the state.

In the house a bill has been reported favorably, requiring probate judges to be lawyers.

The bill of Representative Duncan, of Buchanan, requiring all couples to be married in the county where the license was issued is secured has caused considerable comment among the Catholic members of the assembly. Under the proposed law it is contended that the matrimonial rights of Catholics are restricted. For example, under the terms of Duncan's measure, a Kansas City couple, both of the Catholic faith, who desire to procure a marriage license, at some point in the state outside of Kansas City, would necessarily have to be married at the place where the license is issued, thus, against their own will violating a strict regulation of the Catholic church. Catholics are prohibited from marrying without the province of their respective parishes, and a civil ceremony uniting a Catholic couple is not considered valid in the eyes of the church.

Andrew Greiner, a long time respected citizen of this vicinity, was unexpectedly called upon to aid his descendants in celebrating the completion of the eightieth year of his life on the 22nd day of January, 1901. He with his good "Frau" formerly Catherine Graesslin, who were so quietly passing through life, were very much surprised on that day when their children and grandchildren began to gather in in such unusual numbers. Here came two daughters, Mrs. Caroline Meyer and Mrs. Emma Lambert, each with one son, of Nebraska City; then John Greiner, wife and three children, Wm. Greiner, George Greiner and Frank and Bettie Watson. These were not all for there were others left behind to attend to things at home.

Forty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Greiner were married in Nebraska City and four years later came to Holt county and purchased the Culp farm, 3½ miles south of this town, where they have lived ever since.

They have now reached that period in life when they can rest for awhile before being called away. They passed a happy time with their children gathered around them and we hope they may be blessed with many more such.

Mr. Greiner is a native of the kingdom of Wurtemberg in Germany, where he was born in the year 1821. He is hale and hearty and good for many more years yet. He is one of our best citizens.

The Death Roll.

Mrs. Martha Ann Brown, aged 76 years, mother of Joseph A. Brown, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1901, at the home of her son, and was buried in the Mound City cemetery Wednesday.

Madock Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Madock, of Atchison county, died in Mound City, Monday, January 21, 1901, at the age of 15 years. She was a student in the Mound City school.

Middleboro. Died, at the home of her son, David Hildebrand, on Saturday, January 19, 1901, Mrs. Elizabeth Hildebrand, aged 75 years, 9 months and 12 days. Elizabeth Glick was born April 7, 1825, in Shenandoah county, Va. was united in marriage to Henry Hildebrand March 6, 1846. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive her. She had been a resident of Holt county since 1857.

SKELL. Died, at the residence of her father, L. D. Pierce, in Wichita, Kansas, Friday, Jan. 11, 1901, Mary Emma, wife of D. P. Snell, in the 42nd year of her age. Mary Emma, daughter of L. D. and Phoebe Pierce, was born in Holt county, Mo., November 25, 1859. Mr. Snell was formerly a resident of Mound City, where he was engaged in the livery business, and went to their new home some ten years ago. Their many old friends in the county regret to hear this news.

GORDON. Mrs. Gordon died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hall, in Maitland, Thursday last, January 24, 1901.

KAFMAN. Death has visited the home of Wilson Kaufman, and claimed for its victim his dear and beloved young wife, whom he had led to the altar one year and ten months ago, full of life's bright prospects for future happiness. She loved the home of the Lord and attended services whenever she had an opportunity, and during her last hours she sang the beautiful song "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Nettie May, the daughter of George and Martha Chamberlain, was born Feb. 23, 1880, near Shambaugh, Iowa, and was married to Wilson Kaufman March 22, 1899, at the M. E. parsonage in Clarinda, Iowa, and died at her home near Maitland, Mo., Jan. 22, 1901, aged 21 years. She leaves a husband and babe of eight days, father, mother and three brothers to mourn her untimely loss.

Thou art gone, my precious wife,
But thy husband loves thee still;
Never in my heart another
Thy beloved place can fill:
Every path thy foot hath trodden,
To thy husband hallowed ground;
And now we feel our spirits sadden,
As each new memento fondly found.

Oh! that we again may meet thee,
In that brighter world above;
May our joyful spirit greet thee,
In the home of light and love.

McFarland. Mrs. Angeline McFarland died at her home in Forest City, on Thursday last, January 24, 1901, at the age of 54 years. She leaves five children to mourn her loss.

AMOS. Charles Amos, residing near Bigelow, died January 15th.

BENDER. Elias Bender was born Feb. 14, 1818, at Bendersville, Adams county, Pennsylvania, and departed this life at his home in Holt county, Missouri, Jan. 21, 1901, aged 82 years, 11 months and 7 days. He was married to Juliet Nye, of Cayuga county, State of New York, Dec. 24, 1846, who preceded him to the Heavenly Canaan, March 27, 1894. To this union was born five children—two daughters and three sons, all of whom survive him and were present with him during his last illness, until the end came.

During his last illness he frequently exclaimed, "I want to go home" and requested his children to go with him. Father Bender united with the Protestant Methodist church in the year 1891, under the labors of Rev. D. Jackson, of which body he remained an acceptable member until his death. A very unusual occurrence is noted in the life of the deceased; he became religious and united with the church after more than 70 years of age. He leaves a kind family of children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was laid to rest at Fairview cemetery, Jan. 22, 1901.

CON. The will of John Stephenson, who died January 15th, was filed for probate last week. The will is dated August 21, 1890, and witnessed by Alexander VanBuskirk and Albert Roecker. His son George is named as the executor.

He bequeaths to his son George, the east half of the nw 2 and w 2 of the ne 1/4, 19, 60, 37.

To his daughter Teresa, he gives the nw 1/4 of 8, 50, 37 during her natural life, and at her death then to heirs of her body. His son George is named as trustee.

To his daughter-in-law, Emma, he gives the use and benefits of the se 1/4, 6, 50, 37, excepting a certain 16 acres, during life time, and as wife of his son Robert.

Bertha, a daughter, receives the ne 1/4 and e 1/4 nw 1/4, 7, 50, 37, which is the old home place.

Beulah, a grand daughter, is to have the se 1/4, 30, 32, 37, about 120 acres in Oklahoma, which directs shall be sold and the proceeds divided equally between her heirs. Harry Pinney, Scott and Garah Carson, and Mrs. Lottie Kieffer and Mrs. Etie Connor.

On Monday of this week, the will of Mrs. Cal. Guiliams, Sr., who died on Tuesday last week, was filed for probate. The will is dated November 29,

1898, and is witnessed by C. A. Doughty and E. J. Kellogg. Her real estate consisted of block 4 in the town of Craig, which is bequeathed equally to her five children, Rufus, Francis, Daniel, Calvin and Mrs. May Messer. It also appears that a deed was filed a day or two ago, deeding the property mentioned in the will, to her sons, Rufus and Daniel, and the deed bears the same date as that of the will.

Daniel Guiliams is made executor of the will.

Persons who cannot take ordinary pills find it a pleasure to take DeWitt's Little Earsy Risers. They are the best little liver pills ever made. C. O. Proud and S. W. Aiken.

She Waives. Addie L. Richardson, widow of the murdered Richardson merchant, Frank L. Richardson, at the last minute decided to waive preliminary hearing on the charge of accessory after the fact to the murder of her husband.

After a consultation, it was announced by Prosecuting Attorney Booher that if Mrs. Richardson was not held by Justice Majors he would file information against her and she would be held to the circuit court. In that event Mrs. Richardson would have been obliged to go to jail until a special grand jury was convened the first Monday in March. Under the constitutional amendment adopted at the late general election, abolishing grand juries except when they are especially called, no provision is made for bond of a prisoner held in the manner contemplated in the Richardson case.

Mrs. Richardson's bond was placed at \$1,500 and it was signed by herself, H. K. White of St. Joseph, David Rea and W. S. Wells as sureties. Disappointment was freely expressed when the announcement was made that Mrs. Richardson had waived preliminary.

Unless the murderer is found by the prosecution, Mrs. Richardson cannot be convicted of being an accessory after the fact. In order to establish such a charge, the law says it must first be proven that the accused is in no way related to the murderer. This cannot be done in the Richardson case unless the jury is satisfied as to the murderer's identity.

Be In Style. Don't laugh at fashion. Don't discourage ambition. Don't hinder progress. Try to be able. Look on the bright side. Strive to be happy. Enjoy life. Keep healthy, which you can do by using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin according to directions. It is an absolute cure for Constipation, Indigestion, Stomach Troubles and Sick Headache. For sale by T. H. Hinde & Son.

Invitation. The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society invite you to be present at your own

Friday evening, January 25, 1901, 7:30 to 10:30. Sterrett's Hall.

This birthday party is given to you—For something little—something new—We send to each this little sack, Please either send or bring it back With as many cents as you are old, We promise the number will never be told.

A kind friend will give you something good to eat, And the ladies will furnish a musical treat.

Let us all with greetings most hearty Feel sure you will come to your own birthday party.

To the Ladies' Aid Society, Oregon, Missouri.

In this pretty little poke I've put sixty cents to seek—I have lived just sixty years, And for the future have no fears.

Is it not to you quite funny With this plan to gather money, For a pure and holy cause, Use this scheme because it draws.

Let us ask our hearts tonight, Is it Christ an—is it right, When they send these pokes to you Is this what the Lord would do?

When cash was the Master's wish He sent his disc to a fish; Now, Ladies, this was not so bad, But am I your catfish, or your shad?

I shall ask you to be frank—Does Hanna control the gospel bank? When this poke comes with its sixty straight, Can I get through St. Peter's gate?

A. H. G. Mr. Green informs us that the ladies of the Aid society, tendered him a vote of thanks for his verses.

Checks and Things to Meddle With. "You can't monkey with a check," said a business man, "a friend of mine has learned at the cost of three or four dollars for protest fees. He lives in Springfield, Mass., and to that point the other day I sent him a check for rent. In a couple of days I received a check. The funeral was held Saturday with the request that I would do him a favor to fill out my checks before sending them to him in payment for my obligations. I was certain I had filled the check out that I had intended for him, but I thought possibly I had sent it off in some letter or other, so to prevent any future trouble I called at my bank and stopped payment on what I thought was a missing check. Two or three days later I got another letter, in which he explained that he was having fun with me, because in sending him my check I had torn off two from the pad and they were stuck together, and he thought it would be a joke to send the blank one back to me to have it filled. It had cost him the fees, and as he was sorry that he had been so funny, and he wouldn't do so any more."—N. Y. Sun.

Public Sale. I will sell at Public Sale on the Chas. Wiley farm two miles west of Forest City, on the island, on Tuesday, February 12, 1901, the following described property, to-wit: One span of mares—one a dual year old and a good single driver and one a brown mare, per pound..... 1.00 One good mule Cow; Farm Wagon; 2 set of Work Harness; 1 set nearly new; 1 set of Single Buggy Harness; 1 Road Wagon; 1 McCormick Binder; 1 Lister and Drill combined; 1 Corn Drill; 1 Turning Plow; 2 Cultivators; 1 Double Shovel Plow; 1 colony of Bees; about 500 bushels of Corn, and other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums under \$5, cash in hand; all sums over \$5 a credit of 30 days will be given with approved security. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with. Sale to commence at 10 a. m. sharp.

WILLIAM KOLLMER, R. C. BENTON, Auctioneer.

Remember the date.

WM. McKEE.

Delivered to my poultry house

Mound City, Mo.,

Monday and Tuesday, February 4 and 5, 1901.

How, per pound..... 0.04
Young Roosters, per pound..... 0.04
Turkeys, per pound..... 0.04
Ducks, per dozen..... 2.00
Roosters, per dozen..... 2.00

Temperature above normal. Rainfall much below normal. Roads fine.

Jupiter, Venus and Saturn visible in southeast before sunrise. Mars is past meridian and growing brighter.

The mean temperature for January so far is 31 degrees. The normal is 32 degrees. The temperature of the last day of the month seems likely to be about normal so that the temperature of the month may be said to be 8 degrees above normal, which has only been surpassed in 1858, '63, '76 and '80.

The rainfall so far is .69 inches, which is .36 of a deficiency, but is better than January last year.

Like bad dollars, all counterfeiters of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are worthless. The original quickly cures piles, sores and all skin diseases. C. O. Proud and S. W. Aiken.

Monarch.

—Grandmother Heckman is very poorly.

—Mr. Boyd went visiting to his son-in-law, Charles F. Christian.

—Jennie and Ora Smith are spending a few days with their grandparents.

—Little Jim Garner sold his home in Nodaway, and will take a trip south.

—D. N. Garner, from Oklahoma, has been visiting his kin and friends, and has left for home.

—Mr. Graham and wife, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Tobair visited with Mrs. Lee Hughes Sunday.

—There will be another preacher come on from Rock Port to assist in the meeting at Monarch.

—J. R. Garner was helping Mr. Norris haul logs to Mr. Kurtz's mill. They brought in some very large ones.

—There is a protracted meeting in progress at Monarch. Rev. McFarling, of Rock Port, assisted by Brother Sam Hughes, are conducting the meeting—good congregation in attendance.

—Mr. G. Wampler made his girls happy with an organ. Mrs. Wampler is a pianist and they can have music now. Every family should have an instrument of music of some kind.

Hay Day.

Curzon.

—Literary every Thursday night.

—John Elder Jr. is sick at present writing.

—Mr. J. E. Hopkins was a Curzon visitor Saturday.

—We regret to learn of the severe illness of John Millican.

—Homer Cooper returned from St. Joseph last Saturday, where he has been having his eye treated.

—Miss May Millican is staying with her sister, Mrs. S. H. Meyer, who resides in the vicinity of Oregon.

—A number of men and teams are employed at the Government rock quarry in the eastern part of Curzon. The work has been going on some time, and furnishes employment for about fifty men.

—A number of hotels now flourish in Curzon, as a consequence of the boom caused by the opening of the rock quarry by Frank Huntington, engineer for the government. Among them we notice The Metropole on Broadway, W. S. Gifford, Prop'r; The Stroud Hotel on Swank Ave., John Stroud, Prop'r, and the Mountain House on East Broadway, J. R. Elder, Prop'r.

Program

of teachers' meeting to be held at Mound City Feb. 23, 1901.

9:30 Opening exercises.

9:45 "Purpose in School," Clyde Trapp, Discussion, S. J. Coffman, S. M. Waggoner.

10:30 "Home Study," J. A. Oakerson. Discussion, Luther Murphy, Flora Ford, Ed. Keaster.

11:30 "Pupils of the School," Laura Pratt.

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